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FEEL like doing something outrageous, " Worse than

usual, Jill?" Very far and then silence fell between

Jack caught the fair, destructive Ungers in his own. You are bent on mischief Jill; I fear we shall both come to grief, as did our namesakes before us, unless you leave off your bad habits."

"When we are soler, married people, facia, living out at Elimwood, I shall be a model of sedate propriety, but now "Then somebody will suffer. I fear

me you are a bloodthirsty little vixen." 'I'm afraid so, Jack. Do you know what I am thinking of now?" "No. Jill; they say there is honor and thieves Perhaps if I join you in carrying out your deep and dark plans I may escape the misery that I tear you are hoping to bring upon me."

"And you'll really help me? Jack, the josquils away, and turned a bright face up to her aweetheart's. "Uncle Bert is away now," she went on, "and it the time for our fun. Only two days before April first! Come, Jack, we mut settle on something."

It was nearly sundown when Jack went home. He met little Miss Basset on her way from school. She was a dainty little body, well into the thirties, but fair and pretty still.

"I am so surprised," she said. "I've just had a note asking me to play the wedding march at your nucle's wed-

"Then it is true?"

"Why, yea. The note is signed,
"Committee of arrangements." That is
queer, but then, your uncle is queer." "Very. You will play?"
"To be sure. There! The note is

A whist of wind snatched it from her hand, and away it went across streets and gardens, to flutter down at the door of the village gossip, and to help very materially in carrying out the

sians of Jack and Jill. Little Miss Basset trudged on. She lived with her sister in the country, and taught music at the academy in the village. She was smiling as she passed Elmwood. Its master was no langer a young man, and his aversion

to marriage was well known. "I would as soon have thought of being asked to play at the wedding of the man in the moon!" Miss Basset

'Did you speak to me, ma'am?" "Mr. Grimes! Why, sir, I thought you were in the city! Oh, I beg your pardon! Can you forgive that thoughtless remark?"

"I don't see how it concerns me, ma'am, if some man is fool enough to But you are the man, sir!" honest little Miss Basset exclaimed.

"I?" Uncle Bert's red face grew red-"Certainly, sir. Have I not just been nalred to play the wedding march at your wedding?

'And when, pray, am I to be mar-"On Wednesday night, sir."

"I think you are a fool, ma'am." "I am, indeed, else why do I stop She lifted her little head and started

"Pray, don't take offense, where

none is intended. Wait and tell me what you know about this matter." Miss Basset turned back.

"Will you come in and help me to find out who has done this?" again as long as I live!" Miss Basset went in They talked until Mrs. Betsy, the very respectable

housekeeper, came in to say that tea was ready After some pressing Miss your folly. Basset went out to tea with them, and, apon its being explained to her that Ira lietsy had cut her finger while sticing the tongue, Miss Basset conented to pour out the tea. Uncle Bert felt unusually happy. It

had been long since any woman had taken part in his plans, and Miss Baset had been an interested in trying to help him. It was cozy and pleasant to we won't let anybody know."-Mary have her all there in Mrs. Letsy's place and chat and drink tea. He felt very lonely when she was gone. On the table he found a queer little object. It was made of morocco, and "musique" was stamped on it. He touched it with make use of your valuable services." one finger; then he took it up. A faint, sweet odor arose from it and a cluster gasped at the joyous prospect of a first of withered violets fell out on the brief. "What can I do for you?" sweet odor arose from it and a cluster

lower in his hand. The violets carried him back over a road that he was not used to traveling. He went back to his boyhood, and he thought of the mother who had died before he had learned to know her worth He remembered that

she held violets in her hand the last time he saw her Tears came to eyes that were strangers to them, and Uncle Bert put the overs down to blow his nose Mrs. Hetsy heard the blast, and said to the stable boy that she believed "that pore

one man was settin out for a right Uncle Bert had strange dreams that night; very strange dreams for an old

man who had never leved a woman even in his youth, and who hated what is called the "whole capacitie" of them of strange dreams for a mar thing the matter with Tommy.

Col. Yerger—What makes you think

when he awake the sun was shining in his face. After breakfast he saw a day long and doesn't say anything to trim little figure coming up the walk, and his very strange said heart stirred great poet, or he is going to have the measles. I can't decide yet which it is.

you; I m so giad to get it. Little Miss Basset almost hugged the

roll in her joy.
"I'll fled out all I can to-day, and tell you I think some one has been plan-ning a very big April fool for the whole churches on the last Sunday of the town Just think of the girls decorating the church, and the congregation and preacher waiting!" and, in spite of her duty to Uncle Bert, little Miss Bas-

Uncle Bert eleare ! his throat. a whaling joke," he said. "Yes, and a cruel one, " 'Speso it wasn't a joke?" he said,

"But it in' "It needn't be I'd be ready enough get some one else to play the march!"

"What for?" she asked, stupidly "I should want you to keep me in countenance. Let me tell you. Polly Basset, I'm in earnest If you think you could be happy with a rough old fellow like me, let's turn the joke on

Miss liasset was a little late, and her ssions were all failures, that day. She saw the young people working away in the church, and she noticed Jack and Jill among the others. Somehow they seemed to enjoy it more than the others. After school she met Jack. "I find I cannot play at the wed-

ding," she said, "but one of my pupils will do so." Juck thanked her and went on

"I'm acrail I shall die Juck."

"Wait until it's over, Jill. I want you to see them waiting, and then I youd anything want you to hear what Unele Bert has to say when he comes house. We must want you to hear what Uacle Bert has the will was made, in which the be-"May the sympathize with him of course We must keep on the good side of Uncle

me!" and then silence fell between them

Jill drew the vase of jonquils over to her side of the table, and began tearing the pretty yellow blossoms to walls.

Jill came in leaning on Jack's arm She was lovely in her light dress, and looked modest and denury as is becoming to the young welding guest. Jack chowed his mustache, and refrained from looking at her Curiosity was the prevailing sentiment.

"Who is the bride?" whispered one fat old lady to another "The land knows; I hatn't heard." "Is she coming with him from the city?" asked a third. No one knew.

The whispers were all questions. The tall, stately minister walked sedately up the aide, and seated himself with slow dignity inside the alter railing. He looked out over his assembled people with what he evidently hoped to be a joyous smile, well



suited to the happy occasion. Over his head swung the enormous calla lily that was supposed to suggest the "marriage bell." Jill covered her hands. Jack coughed. Even the or-

ganist was waiting with her eyes on the church door. The "relations" sat in a gloomy row, disapproval on every face.

And now the organist turned her eyes quickly from the door to her otes, and her fingers fell upon the keys with a nervous crash that brought Jack almost to his feet. Then he and Jill looked at each other. But the music straggled on, and a very fine ear and a very good memory might have recognized the great master's wedding

Uncle Bert was coming slowly, but surely, up the aisle, and little Miss Basset was beside him, her small, gloved hand on his arm, and the dumes of her pretty, gray hat touching his shoulder! The minister met them, and the ceremony began. And Jack and Jill gazed with big, horror-

stricken eyes. Smiles grew on the faces of the peo ple as they realized that little Miss Basset was the bride. But despair claimed Jack and Jill for its own. Neither spoke until they were safe in

Jill's parlor. "What have we done?" wailed poor

"We've got a tumble, Jill, just as I predicted. "It's your fault, Jack. I do wish you had never thought of such a foolish thing. I dare say your clumsy bung-ling did it all. I never will trust you

"I'm awfully sorry, but don't you remember-"No. I don't remember a single

thing. We've lost Elmwood, just by "And have I lost you also, Jill?" very gravely. Jill turned to him, smiling through

her tears. "No, Jack; 'Dame Jill had the job to plaster his knob.' I'll try to make up for it somehow. It was my fault, after all, and, Jack, it has cured me. I shall never get you into mischlef again. But Wilson, in Housekeeper

How Scrimple Would Be of Value. "Mr. Scrimple," said the magnate to the rising young lawyer, "I want to "Very well, sir," said Scrimple, as he

floor Uncle Bert picked them all up, atooping stiffly, and then puffing like house," replied the magnate, firmly, an engine when he straightened again. "Is about to bring a damage suit against It had been long since he had held a me and I want you to get them to en-

gage you as their attorney."—Chicago Record. That Explains It. A New York artist was recently vis-ited by a lady friend. The artist was

painting an angel. "Why do you always paint your angels with dark hair and black eyes?" asked the friend.

"It's a great secret, and it might get me into trouble to give it away." "I'm not going to give it away." "Well, the reason I paint my angels with black hair and eyes is because my wife is a blonde. See?"-Tammany

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL

-There are about thirty-six hospitals in and about New York. Collections were taken up for them in the

-Rev. Dr. Alexander Crummell, the well-known colored Episcopal clergyher duty to Uncle Bert, little Miss Bas-set's brown eyes twinkled, and her Luke's church in that city, has been fifty years in the ministry. The Homilectic Review says that the advantages of a theological educa-

tion were first afforded in this country

to women candidates for the ministry in 1883, at the Meadville Theological school. - Rev. Timothy Dwight Hunt, who to fall into their plans if you could died recently at Whitesborough, N. Y., organized the first Presbyterian church in California in 1849, and was one of

the pioneer missionaries to the Sand —What becomes of English girl grad-uates is indicated by statistics of Newnham, recently collected by Mrs. Henry Sidgwick, the principal. Of 667 graduates known to be alive, 108 have

married, 122 are living at home, five are doutors, two missionaries, one a bookbinder, one a market gardener, and 374, more than half, teachers. —The late Prof. Cooke two years ago made a will, giving Harvard college a reversionary interest in his estate, which would have amounted to about \$250,000. Last year, on account of the hard times, the college authorities dis-missed from the staff of instructors

two of the professor's relatives, with others, and on this account a codicil to quest of the college was made was taken away. -Mrs. Mary McDowell is at the head of the new University settlement in Chicago, which is in, perhaps, the worst district in that city, down by the stock

yards, a neighborhood that has here-tofore resisted all attempts at civilization to reclaim it. The plan of the new settlement is slightly different from most of the college settlements, as it includes a colony of settlements scattered about through the neighbor-hood, rather than the housing of all under one roof. By this means it is hoped to exert a wider influence.

-Bramwell Booth's report concern ing the "Darkest England" movement for 1894 states that London contains 100,000 paupers, 30,000 abandoned wom-en, 33,000 homeless adults and 35,000 slum children; 10,000 new criminals are added yearly. The "Darkest Eng-iand" scheme has 5,400 homeless men and women in its "shelters" every night, connected with the refugees are 7 labor factories in which 1,000 men and 250 women are employed. The farm colony has not only been successful in providing for a large number out of work, but has realized a profit of several hundred pounds out of its

agricultural operations. "Have you had much experience as "Ol hev, ma'am. Ol had seventeer places lasht year, ma'am."—Harper's Bazar.

The Final Order. Mr. Peck (the grocer)—Is there nothing else you need, Mrs. McBride? Mrs. McBride-Let me see. I think

In the Flat.

called upon you yet? Mrs. Newcomer-I should say they had. They've called upon me for al most everything in the house.-N. Y.

He Was as Good as a Menagerie. Mr. Van Doublet-Now, pway, don't let me detain you, Miss Wobberts, if you are in a huwwy, don'tcherknow. Miss Robberts-Oh, not at all. I was only going to the menagerie, and-er and, I don't think I care about going there now that I have met you.-Truth

Mrs. Manhattan-How long is it customary for a widow to wear mourning for her husband in Chicago? Wabash Weeds-There is no fixed rule about it. It depends upon how well acquainted you are. I am generally pretty lucky.-N. Y. World

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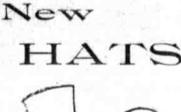
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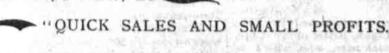
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